tioning under the administrative control of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad, Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions separtely;

(b) whether the staff working on public dealing seats are rotated periodically;

(c) the number of staff members who have been served with charge sheets for major and minor lapses in dealing with contract cases on Allahabad, Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions together with details thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for not returning/transferring such staff to their parent branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Complaint against commercial officers Allahabad Railway Division

1098. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a complaint against the Commercial Officers of Allahabad Division in dealing with goods and parcels handling contracts, cycle stand contracts and sale of miscellaneous articles was received in 1983-84 by the Director (Vigilance), Railway Board from a Member of Parliament;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted by Railway Board and the Central Vigilance Commission was also apprised of the final outcome;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against persons found guilty; and

(d) the names of persons/officers found indulging in corrupt practices together with details of charge sheets of minor/major lapses pending against them and when the investigations are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Disciplinary proceedings are in progress against 2 officers—for major penalty in respect of one and minor penalty for the other. In addition, notices for recorded warning have been issued to 4 other officers. Minor penalty has been imposed on a non-gazetted employee.

Communication Facility in Remote Areas of Andhra Pradesh

1099. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of inadequate communication facility in the remote, interior and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to provide communication facilities to those areas; and

(c) if so, what is the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in those areas and by when these are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) *Postal*: Postal facilities in the remote, interior and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh are not inadequate. There are 767 post offices functioning in the tribal areas of the State out of which 36 are provided with telegraph facilities also.

Telecom: Yes, Sir.

(b) *Postal* & *Telecom*: Yes, Sir.

(c) *Postal*: There is at present no proposal to open new post offices in these areas as no villages other than